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## **Sen. Hardiman receives award for integrity in public service**

**LANSING** — Sen. Bill Hardiman received the Congressman Paul Henry Integrity Award on Wednesday from the Grand Rapids-based Founding Values Initiative, which is dedicated to celebrating the era of former President Gerald Ford.

The Henry Integrity Award is given to someone “who exemplifies continued commitment to principles of integrity through transparency in public service.” Hardiman, R-Kentwood, is the first-ever recipient.

“I’m honored to be recognized for my commitment to public service,” Hardiman said. “Paul Henry left behind high expectations of public officials in Kent County and it’s humbling to receive this honor that bears his name.”

Hardiman’s wife, Clova, accepted the award on his behalf. Hardiman had to be in Lansing because of Senate session.

Two other Kent County individuals were honored at the awards luncheon. Grand Rapids Police Chief Harry Dolan received the Congressman Hal Sawyer Justice Award and Michael Jandernoa received the Ambassador Peter Secchia Heartfelt Commitment Award. Five college students also received scholarships during the ceremony and a donation was made to Millennium Park in Grand Rapids.

Congressman Henry represented the Grand Rapids area from 1984 until his death in 1993. He previously served in the Michigan House of Representative and Michigan Senate. Before his career in politics, Henry was a political science professor at Calvin College.

More information is available on the initiative’s Web site, [www.foundingvalues.com](http://www.foundingvalues.com).

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